

## **REMARKS**

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of this application and the indication that claims 16-20 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards the invention. Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Sano (JP 2001-345054). Although Applicants do not agree with the substantive rejections, in order to expedite the issuance of claim 16-20, Applicants have canceled claims 1-15 (rendering the substantive rejections of those claims moot).

### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112**

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly claim the subject matter which applicant regards the invention.

The Office Action indicated that the claims stand rejected to because of various informalities. As set forth above, Applicant has amended the claims related to the informalities, and respectfully asserts that the 112 rejection has been accommodated. Specifically, applicant has amended 16 and 19 to correct their informalities.

In addition Applicants have amended claim 19 to address the objection made by the office, by amending in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

As set forth above, Applicants have amended claims 16 and 19 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 16, as well

as it respective dependent claims 17-18 and amended claim 19, as well as it respective dependent claim 20, also are in condition for allowance.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should Examiner feel that further discussion of the application and the Amendment is conducive to prosecution and allowance thereof, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the address and telephone listed below.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Amendment and Response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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